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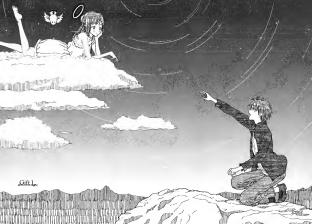The Gift of the Magi

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Contents

Magi...

Taken from Greek, it's a word we use to distinguish bizarati and sagas.

But its original meaning referred to astronomers.

The only woman I've ever loved.

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Hoizumos (Mao) died on that mountain

Five years ago today

Shiki Daichi (24)

Remembering her...

Lately, I've started to have trouble

オォォォ

Ever since we were little, I've loved you...

Huh...

This rock... it's actually part of a meteorite!

In the language of rocks, it means, "forever!" Akari, will you please take this?!

You shouldn't go and shock me like that...

And I'm about to lead a stargazing trip, too...

Geez.

I guess I'll just have to hold onto it...

But since you worked so hard to find this...

Two years later...

Tragic news this morning from Mount Mitama.

The excavator was performing routine maintenance on a mountain road. Its operator is also deceased.

...was pinned under a toppling excavator...

Yesterday afternoon, Uguisen University freshman Nakazono Hikari [18]...

Becoming known nationwide as the "Super Cute Astronomy Girl" and the "Star Girl".

Last year, Nakazono earned special recognition for her astronomy studies.

...and died.

Supporters from across the nation have flocked to the nearby observatory with flowers to mourn her passing.

...five years since then.

It's already been...

Not "already" five years! It's *only* been five years!!

...idiot.

But in just five years...

"Forever," that's what I swore to her.

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I should have just stayed here...

Man, I shouldn't have our found a job in Tokyo.

I used to talk about her more...

Lately, she hasn't come up that much in conversation...

And I'm going to think about you as I go...

Akari... For the first time in a while, I'm going to bring flowers up to that observatory...

And to never forget again...!

I promise to remember everything...

...Huh?

KH KH KH

AH! AH!
AH! AH!
AH! AH!
AH! AH?!

AH! AH!
AH! AH!
AH! AH!
AH! AH!

Wh— what the hell is up with this weather?!

I-I-ISN'T THIS H- HAIL...?!

WH—

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!

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Geez...

Yeah, yeah! I already know that, Angelou!

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Plenty to spare...

Er. Anyway, I'm pretty rich up here in Tengoku.

フゥン

3.3 million Gen-ye-ge-ye has been debited from your account. Sorry! ☆

"Piggiest Hell" has been selected.

Sending down hell?! why the hell would ya spend 2.2 million on that?!

Ugh! what a waste!!

Shut up, Ushio! I didn't have any choice.

Any kind of interference down there costs a ton of money!

That way we can't be doing it lightly.

Gamaru Ushio (♂)

No, no, that's not what I meant. But what the hell were you tryin' to accomplish with it?

Ugh! Boy stuff?

Hey— Don't just go coming in your own—

That's what this is it cost...

!!

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Ah... Yeah, yeah! My bad! I'm sorry already! My excavator rolled over, trapped you, and you wound up here, I know!

Hey you!!!!

AND WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS I WOUND UP LIKE THIS?! 5!?!!! FIVE YEARS AGO, WHO EXACTLY WAS RUNNING THAT EXCAVATOR?!

"The ground is muddy. Please be careful! I never should have gone anywhere near..."

Geez... for someone I had never ever seen before to end my life just like that...

That's right.

I didn't do it on purpose, y'know!

In the world below, it's called "Heaven" or "Paradise." In other words... "The Afterlife."

The world I exist in now is known as Purgatory.

There's no reason not to believe...

Pinguïos

Gods are here, Angelo like Jupiter are here, too.

Honestly, I was kinda shocked that a place like this actually existed.

Atun-sama, Daki Daimi has resumed his trek on the mountain.

Moreover, currency exists in Tropatos just like it does in the world below.

One "Pinguïet Mushidde" Buck!?

Next... New... Maybe this.

Tsk! Well, I shouldda known Daichi isn't the kinda guy who can... pull off try a FEE... bit of hai.

ANGELOS. WHAT IN IS THIS!?

All right!! I'll buy it!! Excuse!!!!

UWAAAAAAH?!

The world below

?!

Hahaha... Yukio's raised them packing for work.

A m-meatdish?! Too hot...?!

THE FIRST STARRY NIGHT OF THE YEAR!!!!

WOW!! Look, Daichi, look!!

...Hh

...I remembered something.

Deneb! Albireo!

And then Venus!!

Speaking of mud-slides...

Back when we were kids...

After all, I'll probably be a good-luck charm when I grow up.

Rocks are cooler than stars.

Hmmm... yeah? Well, not like I can...

NOT BY MUCH! AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO WANTS TO BE AN ASTRONOMER, AKARI?!

WHY NOT? WE'D BE CLOSER TO THE STARS, WON'T WE?

No way.

No way...

Daichi! Daichi! Do you think we'll see any brighter or brighter or than a stud cliff??

LIGHT!!! FINE!!

THEN YOU GO UP AND CHECK IT OUT!!

M-M-M-MUDSLIDE?!!

EEEEEEK!!!

...MAN am I doing this again?!

CRACK

mph!

KISS

!!

...I forgot about that.

huh

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOUT! IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS ON PURPOSE!

GYAAAAAH!! YOU KISSED ME DURING THE MUDSLIDE!!!

If I'm here, I'll be able to remember everything about Akari...

You know, I'm really glad I came here...

I...I kissed him when we were...?

I-I'm kind of embarr...

Th-That happened, didn't it...?

...five years already...

It's over, then.

UWAAAARGGH!! NO! NO! NO!!!

AGH! WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO REMEMBER ALL THIS?!

...is that really okay with you?

Get a hold of yourself... Just forget me...

For the sake of your own happiness...!

Isn't that guy your money maker?

You're rich...

We have a currency called Gunyo-gunyo.

Here in Izu-gaku.

And earning it depends on...

1 0 2 3

It's generally equivalent to the Japanese yen.

"However much the name of the deceased emerges from the lmaotxes of those still living."

Each time, the value of your spirit increases. Compensation is meted out in the currency known as Goryo-guzyo.

or simply G.

Collect one trillion G, and it's even possible to be excellent yourself on earth.

Whether you were a good person or a bad one doesn't matter, as long as your name is heard.

Thus, those with fame are appraised more highly and can live more affluently.

Every mention is worth 1,000G.

The palace in which Einstein dwells.

You were on the news. People knew you. So when you came here, you were rich.

...When you died, everyone saw you as the "Super Cute Astronomy Girl"!

Severing his connection with you. That doesn't make any sense.

The only person down there who will take about you is Kin, right?

But the living quickly forget the dead...

You'll never understand this feeling...

...whom you cherish more than anything?

Slip.

If you don't,

...Unless...

You don't have anyone? Someone...

Akari.

Even now,

Plus
2,000 E.

CHA-LIN

CHA-LIN

Yay! ♪

You mean
more than
anything
to me...

Akari, I want to keep you alive in my heart...

Daichi, I'm dead. Just forget about me already...

.Gift.

Anyway, too many memories in that place. Time to get Daichi outta there!

Angelpoi!! I want this next!!

52 when I free you, anime wakes your answer fang.

workplace ns Cell phone

Urgent Workplace Call

ONE TICKET FOR AN URGENT PHONE CALL FROM HIS WORKPLACE TO HIS CELL PHONE!!!

Hehehe... With this, Daichi won't have any choice but to leave and return to real life!

Hmmm? Is that my phone?

I'm answering later.

Heh bzzzz-

Oh, that man, sure, I'll call you later.

She answered later.

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Well, wait...

WHAAAAA??!! YOU NEED TO TELL ME THIS RIGHT NOW I GO !!!!!

Map of Game? Game?

Akari-sama, that location is outside the service area.

All other guys are out !!

Hey Shiki!!! Get your act together!!!

C-Crap!! My boss?!

Oh no!! Work called?!! When did I get this?!!

Oh no?! I missed 1 call... 1 voicemail

12:06

I need it! Get back here real now!!

What the hell did you do with that badass her coupon I gave you?!

Sigh...

Sigh...

What a mess. What does it say about the company I work for? If the cutlines are so painful... *Squeak*

Leaves the room *Sorry, I'll get him drinks or...*

My dream... Is Reiko Nee's now supposed to be doing something different from this...

The only thing geologists dream of is the name...

In this company ranks where I want to spend my whole life?

Click Click

Oh, speaking of voicemail...

But since Akari died, I...

!!

Found it...

Click *Click* *Click*

Wow!! I don't remember what it was about exactly, but I remember it felt important!

Even with the phone upgrades, I guess the memory card doesn't change. Whew!

It's stayed on this memory card the whole time!

Audio Folder

Recording...
Phone Message From Akari
02:13 PM 1/3

Once I listen to this, I bet I'll remember all kinds of stuff!!

The first voicemail I ever received from Akari!

Hey—

!!!

Plus, what did I even say on it?! I can't remember anything at all!!

ああああ

NOT FAIR! WHY DID THIS TURN INTO ME REMEMBERING EVEN MORE?!

So it
wasn't...

June 26th,
11:13 AM.

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Daichi?

Helloooo?

Aren't you embarrassed to keep using those paper airplanes?!

You're in your room anyway, right?

Come on out!

It's a waste if you don't use it! Get with the program!

Since you went all out and bought a cell phone.

How long
are you going
to keep
sulking up
there?!
Geez!

Hey Daichi!
Did you see Venus today?!
It was super bright and pretty!
Just like the goddess of beauty!

♪

I was looking for rocks. So I was looking down. Didn't see it.

"The evening star. Right?"

I was just about to ask you the same thing.

That's right...

Oh hey, Daichi! Let me see your homework!

When we were little, my house faced Akari's. She and I had our own special messaging system.

...Well, not really.

EHH? Ugh. We're never, ever on the same page. Why do we have to match lunch now??

My heart would beat a little faster.

Paper airplanes. *Both of our houses had balconies.*

Every time a paper airplane would ride the air and float through my window.

But—

Next month, I'm getting a cell phone ~~~ !!!

'yay'

What?

We're too old for those airplanes! Besides, texting's so easy!

Daichi, have your mom buy you one, too!

Don't we're middle schoolers.

So you finally got a cell photo, Akari?!

You have to give me your number!

But will a text...

Me, too! Me, too!

Sure!

Yeah! Me, too! Tell me, Haruzono!

Ride the air

to reach me...?

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A face like this, right?!

Try making this with just letters and numbers!!

Oracle! There was someone with this kinda face (•∀•)↑p on TV today!

fumikotan

Li-ing

Grow up! And learn how to use your phone already! Even your dad uses one all the time, right?

what th--

Why don't you just wanna awaken one of them just your family's and mine?

cling...

shit...

I have already close to 100.

And so...

And go ahead of me!

I'll always have my nose to the ground...

Like a... stone.

Ah...!

With you'll always...

Look up to the sky...

AH!

A
final.

Unreceived,
unread paper
airplane...

I shut...

バラ

ガサ

After that,

...my window for good.

パタ

ゴ ゴ ゴ

I guess because of that paper airplane era, I left it on here and never erased it...

...I must have gotten this voicemail after that.

Reach her again...

And they'll never...

My words...

I'll send them again!!

From that night...

No.

Wait. Maybe now...

They might reach her...?

5.5 million it have been online against your account. Sorry!

Paper Airplane Retrieval Service activated.

You sent... This-is-to... me...

I... never knew...

What... the... hell...?

Gift 3.

Akari-sama...

Akari-sama, Shiki-Daichi will soon approach the midway point up the mountain route.

You...

You all right?

That rock...?

Hey! See that?! That was a real shooting star!!

HAH

Hey
Daichi!

HAH

Actually, you've
been acting weird
ever since you got
a cell phone. So
what's wrong...?

What's up with
you Daichi?
Ever since we
started high
school, you've
barely talked
to me.

NO WAY! IT'S
NOT JUST A
SHOOTING STAR!
IT'S A METEOR
SHOWER!

...EH?!

W-we
have to
watch--

STEP

Another
one?!

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What...

Did...
oh...

I'm
going
ahead...

When did
he...

...He'd
always
been so
delicate.

Sekki-kun... Just... Daichi...

Isn't it great?

I mean... Hm...

Maybe you're too close to him to realize it...?

Yeah! He's earnest and kind. Just my type. ♥

Mi-Minagi!

...But honestly...

Ehh!? *Great!?* You're talk-ing about Daichi...?!

THMP THMP

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The only one I can see him with is still... you!

When I really think about it,

wink

Minagi... F+ F+ F+ F+ ...Mi...

Huh? Where's Shiki from the astro group?

He told he didn't have any interest in stars and wandered off somewhere...

※ Shiki is in the Earth Science Club's Astronomy Section. Minagi is in the Biology Section.

Two hours later Emergency observation session sponsored by the Earth Science Club's Astronomy Section

Wow! They're really falling tonight!

Watch where you're going!

If you keep going on about stars and only looking up, you'll trip, right?!

Geez, you'd just go walking right into danger, wouldn't you?

Man...

This spot's been like this forever, Asari...

It might be too late... but I get it now.

While I stared up at the sky,

The one who always watched out for me...

I see...

That's why I'm always nervously watching where we're going...

The one who
was always
there.

Was you,
Daichi...

...up here...?

...Daichi, why are you...

...But why are you...?

Looking around for... rocks and stuff...

Um... I was just...

I was chasing down this landing spot of that huge shooting star...

I found...

But then...

...I guess that's eight years ago now...

Of course, I remember every bit of that night.

Akari was flying so fast before me, captivating all these different people.

Anyway, I tried not to deal with it and started hunting for rocks night after night...

And I won at my wit's end.

I was able to find a rock like that!

But because of that,

So that even when I wasn't there,

A rock to connect the earth to the stars.

A rock to make a girl who stared up at the sky take notice of the ground.

It would protect her.

But its real meaning is... "amulet."

When I confessed to her, I told her that a memories meant "forever."

Who...?

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That's why I decided to take the place of that meteorite...

And swore to forever remember the girl whom I couldn't protect...

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Gift 4.

This rock... It's actually part of a meteorite!!!

Akari...

Akari, will you please take this?!

In the language of rocks, it means, "Forever"!!

W.B.

Since you worked so hard to find this,

I guess I'll just have to hold onto it...

...had truly started to fade...

Daichi...

...These five years... my memories of Akari...

I'm glad I came back here...

Man, Daichi.
Now that you're
my boyfriend,
you need to
stand up
straighter!

Ahaha!
Daichi, there
are butterflies
on your head!

Akari...

It's been
one year on
our own now.
Let's take a
picture!

Hehehe...
I bought your
Christmas
present
yesterday.

No
peeking!

Akari...

チャリ

Akari...

チャリ

チャリ...

Akari...

チャ...リ...

GET A GRIP
AND JUST
GO BACK TO
TOKYO!!!!

ドォォ ォォォン

And now this big storm...

A storm... it would be... A call from my company...

Man what is it with today...?

...Well...

Whatever might happen, it's too late for me to turn back now...

If I reach the top of that mountain, maybe... just maybe... Akari will be up there smiling, waiting for me.

I can feel it.

I'm sure that Akari's here some- where...

That's how it feels...

You... You have a life in Tokyo now, right?

So go back. And even if you don't love your job... Do your best at it...

I'm... begging you... Just go back.

...Pl... Please...

Experience the joys of people your age...

And find some cute... girl to date...

And have two or three kids...

And then get married...

NEVER...

AND... BE
HAPPY...!!

NEVER,
EVER THINK
ABOUT ME
AGAIN!!!!

Akari—

AND ME...
JUST—

You're Hotokozono Akari?! That "Super Cute Astronomy Girl"?!

Ehh?!

Me, too!! Me, too!! I saw you on that TV special last week! I would you Subm my blood?!

WHOAAA?! I'M YOUR BIGGEST FAN!!

Oh?! You have one?!

Umm... Sorry. But my boyfriend's waiting for me. If I don't get going...

Hey. You didn't have one?

I don't give a damn about some guy you're stupid boyf.

YOU ABSOLUTELY ARE?! GONNA DATE ME!!

That's right...♪

water watar

watar

mutter mutter

mutter mutter

The boy I've known longer than anyone...

The boy I love...

Mutter Mutter

Do you think... Shun might do something wrong with him...?

Suu, Daiichi.

Red alert mode!!

Wa-Wa- It was Shun's words—

If he keeps this up, he'll never get another girlfriend. Honestly, how long can he go on?

It's been almost two years since Akari-chan died.

But he goes on and on about her day by day.

I bet he talks like that to himself, too.

By the way, Akari...

Really?

It would seem...

"...Forever."

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If Akari isn't
with me, I... I
just fall apart...
I'm pitiful...

...really
am.

Why did
you have
to die...?

Why...

"Forgot you..."

"I'll never..."

My vow to Akari...

It is the one thing I can give her...

Worthless as I am...

My gift...

...Yo Akari, that guy's awake and walking again...

Okuri-sama, "Plague Storm," "Plague Earthquake."

I guess your only choice isn't to just blow up the mountain, right?

What's next...

"Final Destruction," "Swarm of Insects," and "Magnetic Wall" have all been affected. The total cost is 113,928,894.6.

Yeah, yeah, yeah. I know I'm poor. You don't have to be so mean about it.

Please excuse me, Mr. Penniless Pauper. However reach one spends, such an outcome cannot be achieved.

The deceased may interfere in the realm of the living only so far as that interference does not cause material change to these individuals' lives, constitutions, or property.

Please allow me to provide a brief explanation.

YOU'RE AN ANGEL AND YOU'RE ASKING FOR MONEY? WHY DOES EVERYTHING HAVE TO BE ABOUT MONEY?!

Blowing up an entire mountain could cause extensive damage to those on the mountain, those who depend on the mountain. Further explanation regarding a purchase you cannot afford shall be omitted.

SHH... And what being poor in this world really means to no one's talkin' about you. Isn't everyone's forgotten you... It's awful...

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....

How can I free you from it...?

Um...

...You said this would last forever.

You want to free him...

But that's not right, Daichi. That promise of yours is a curse.

So much from the shadows, huh?

Even though you've done...

....

The pictures he took in Hokkaido... Where are they?

...Hmp.

So... minutes ago...

Eh...? No reply? And I'd already lost so many others.

That... I don't have a single picture of her left?

Could it be...

I'm sure they're here.

No matter how hard I look, I just can't...

And just two seconds ago my groceries from the supermarket suddenly vanished... Now... How could this happen?!

And two months ago all the paper airplanes we sent...

I did it so you could forget me...

...Sorry, Dascil.

What's going on...? There's no way a thief would—

...All these years he's kept your memory alive, then watched him.

With all your "Skari theft," "Skari theft"...

I'm so sorry to do this...

But it's your fault.

And just when your actions started to show results, when he started to forget... He came running right to this mountain.

One by one, you spent money and erased everything he had to remember you by.

But... he's held on.

And to be honest, barely anyone after Stan Ker ever thinks about you.

Anyone would forget after five years.

But what can you really do to stop him?

Akari...

He's clung desperately to notions like his "promise," to memories...

All so that the legacy of "Hokazono Akari" wouldn't crumble...

Hah

......

While I hold onto something precious myself, is it...?

It's not... fair... If I take everything from Daichi...

I... see...

That...

...will be...

My last gift –

Venus-kun!?

Nearly dark...!

I guess it's...

Did you see Venus yesterday!?

Hey Daichi! Daichi!

I was out hunting for rocks. I missed it. Sorry.

What?! You missed out~~!!

Wasn't it super pretty?!

Y'know, Venus is my favorite star in the sky!

'Cause it's like you and me!!

Eh? Why?

HONFFF   ...HUFF

...Well

I'll tell
you one
day. ♪

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— Venus.

In Latin, it is known as Lucifer. In Japanese, Kinsei (金 星). Its distinct brightness has earned it symbolic meaning across the mythologies of many cultures.

...is said to have been that very same Venus, the morning star.

In the New Testament of the Christian Bible, the heavens that led three astronomers bearing gifts to Bethlehem for the birth of Christ...

Gift5

I don't
need a single
penny...

Y-YOU'RE
GONNA SPEND
EVERYTHING TO
GO DOWN TO
EARTH?!!

If I can
finally bring
an end to all
this, there's
nothing else
I need!!

If I can
return this
meteorite to
him...

BUT YOU
STILL HAVE MORE
THAN 100 MILLION
LEFT?!! ARE YOU
INSANE?!!

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シーン

...

Tell him!

Huh?

Do you really know what it's like to be poor here...?

You've been loaded ever since you got here.

Hey, Akari.

I use public toilets, public baths. And the closest I can make in a day from manual labor is 500...!

And when this ceiling collapsed in the pile of rocks I call home, I couldn't fix it...

Actually I've been haaaaa— luxury this whole time...

And since we're already dead, everyone's lost their incentive to "be good". No one will help...

In a way, this is a living hell!

Take me. I haven't had a thing to drink in two months...

And I've been loaded! Dress clothes for 20 days without wearing one...

!?

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SO THAT'S HOW YOU'VE BEEN LIVING?! YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING EARLIER!

Idiot! There's no way I could accept help from you.

I WOULD HAVE HELPED YOU OUT A LITTLE...

I mean, the accident... if it wasn't for me, you wouldn't have died.

Y'know, I have to draw the line somewhere!

Hey, let's not get off topic! Is that the kind of life you want?!

I'm asking you if you're really okay with that!

...I told you. It's your fault. The gods will set us free. It was just fate.

Excuse me...

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B-But I don't have anything else to sell!!

I-I STILL CAN'T ?!

After final tabulation, you still lack 5 million G.

Here in Tengoku, women's hair must have a buyer, right...?

Then take this...!

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Thank you for your patronage. And sorry!

☆

Purchase complete!! One "Descent From Heaven" ticket!!

さようなら

Wheeeew

It's fine!

I've already received so much that I don't need anything anymore!

Y-Your hair!! What did you do that for!?

You're numb!! It's your hair!!

※ IT TAKES 100 YEARS FOR THE HAIR OF THE ORISARED TO GROW 10 CM

Now that I think about it, I did... like...

...Huh?

I feel like...

I've heard a story like this before...

Lived a poor husband and wife...

In a small house...

With my hair so short, could it be you don't love me anymore...?

Don't... don't look at me with that face...

From inside the bag the wife pulled out...

But... well, just open this up.

Nonsense. How could something like that make me love you any less?

...she had so long desired.

The resplending comb.

To repay the hair she no longer had...

A Christmas present from her husband...

In reply, her husband said...

My hair's always grown pretty quickly...

It's fine.

We tried too hard in buying these gifts. Why don't we just throw them away?

...Hey.

Take out your watch and try it on!

But more importantly, I just slim for you!

I sold that watch already.

So I could
buy that comb
for you.

...The
sky.

It's really
gotten
cloudy now,
huh...?

But I'm finally at the top...

I traveled for years and years to get here.

...It took half a day.

...It Arrive kita.

Heh... And this is all that's left of my bouquet. Akari'd be mad...

I think Akari might just be there...

...But, y'know, for some reason...

If she really is there, what would I do?

But if...

But... yeah... I guess I'd just tell her...

Something physical... we couldn't just run into that, right?

Since we've already been together this long.

"I'll never, ever forget you..."

Yeah... what would I do...?

If Akari's actually there, huh...?

That's what you'd really say?

Eh...?

ゴッ ゴッ バッ バッ

What...

...

...

E... it fell
just on the
other side
of the ob-
servatory?!

N-NOBODY
IS THERE,
RIGHT?!

...No...

A
shooting...
star...? No...

R-
meteorite...??!

...Hello...

...Hello...

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オォ ...that... オォ〜

た あ ぁ ぁ!!

THAT'S
WHAT YOU
CALL A
CRASH!!
C-R-A-S-H!!

ANGELOID!
ARE YOU
LISTENING
TO ME?!

Geez! Here's
and here's
an angeloid
on the
ground,
deadly
faced...

Well I don't do,
huh? On the
back, m-
already
face...

WHEN YOU
HEAR "DESCENT
FROM HEAVEN,"
YOU THINK YOU'D
SERENELY FLOAT
DOWN! WHAT
DO YOU CALL
THAAAR?!!

THAT
HUUUUHH?! IT
NEEEEY!!!!!!

Hmm?!

IT'S NOT HERE!!! MY METEORITE NECKLACE!!!!

WHAT?!

NO WAY!!! DID IT FALL OFF BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT?!!

HOLD ON!! HEY?!!

ANGELOS, YOU NEED TO FIND IT!!!

WHAT?! You're going to burn on the blood quickly?!

Now I don't under-stand how Listen Fasts?!

Unfortunately, helping the powerless and destitute is a little...

Now understand quickly?!

Is anyone heeeeere?!

Heeee—ey!

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...Eh...?

Was anyone hit by that thing that just flew in?

Can't...be...!?

Er...

This is the...

You need to break cleanly with Daichi...

Ric... h...

NEVER, EVER, EVER SAY MY NAME AGAIN!!!

Could...

SO GIVE ALL THAT DAMNED BULL-PITY OF NURSING A TORCH A REST!!!

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU WHEN YOU BLOW A FUSE AND END UP WITH A RESTRAINING ORDER!!!

STALKER

You need to put him from Daichi out for...

Could you... really be... around here somewhere...?

...last thing I can do for him—

GET IT?? SO NEVER...

Say it as simply as you can.

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He can't hear my voice... !?!

If you're here, say something!!

D... Dulcie can't see me?

Akari... Are you here!?!

...Eh!?

Wh!? Wh!?

ANGELOS!!! WHAT'S GOING ON!!!

Have you forgotten the rules regarding interference with the living world?

...Akari-sama.

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"The deceased may not cause material change to the lives, constitutions, or property of the living."

Akari-sama, direct contact with Shiki Daichi would constitute interference that would violate these rules and cannot be permitted.

Then
why...

Did
I...

Come
here...?

Your...
serious...?

Your...?

What
...?

...Na...

I'm wrong...

There's no reason why people who have already left this world should be able to freely meddle with the living...

...Really... This is right...

According to those rules...

If I could send... just a fragment...

That shouldn't be a problem, right...?

Maybe...

...Hey, Region.

But...

Akari...

Akari!!

This moment...
it should have
been in your
coffin. It should
have been
kidnapped...

I know
you're
here...

You're
here...

Akari—!?
Are you
there—!?

Daichi!

Daichi!!

Daichi!

You're
here...

Look...

There's no way you can't be here...

What...
What would I
tell you...?

...If I met
you after
these five
long years.

I swore
on this rock...

"forever" ...

I'm
nothing...

Without
that...

Yeah...

Yeah,
that's it.

...Hey...

Why don't we just put them away?

We tried too hard in buying these gifts.

You know you're not some kind of store that can stay the same way forever...

Yknow...

You've given enough to her already...

Haven't you just been acting selfishly this whole time...?

Let go.

This whole
journey...

This whole
time...

This whole
Time...

After Akari
vanished from
your life...

Haven't
you really
been searching
for a place to
finally say,
"Goodbye"...?

...Akari-sama, per your command.

The meteorite has been decimated.

Last Gift

Stuck in the same place... Repeating her name over and over again.

Swearing to remember her forever... I just didn't want to accept it.

That's right.

I knew it all along...

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Walking around
in circles...

Clinging to the gifts
she gave me...

...feel that
memory
shattering
in my
hands...

I can
still...

Akari...

...Hya

Was really your coming dawn from heaven to return that majesty to me?

Could it be... that light...

Never to forget you, "forever"...

Even though I know...

Don't you need... my gift anymore?

Hey... Akari, answer me.

Akari... Other than saying... "Goodbye"...

Is there nothing else I can do for you...?

Shiki Onishi has resumed speaking your name.

Okari-sama.

Would you like to put them to use?

48,000 G remain in your account.

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Eeeeeeehhh??!! W-W-W-WHY ARE YOU HERE?!!

Beeeek!!! Da-Da-Da-Daichi-kun?! You're living?!

But if you hadn't been here, I probably would have got lost really fast...

huge sob

I'm so sorry!! That was really dangerous, right?! I was stumbling because the forest... And before I knew it, I went falling off that cliff...

And it's okay, Mei! I'm really glad I...

Mi... nagi...

Da...

Chan...?

Y-YEAH, BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE ON MOUNT MITAMA?! AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE AT WORK IN TOKYO?!

Err...?

Uh...

I took some sort of... vacation...

Wha...

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This last year, it had seemed like you had finally started to smile. But then you started talking about how you last started to forget Akari... And then it seemed really like you were in pain again... So...

Sorry... but lately you've seemed really lost in thought, really depressed. So I just... was really worried about you...

Well... I heard... from the boss that you were going to use your time off to come back here... I couldn't stop thinking about it.

But we've known each other since high school now, y'know?

Yeah...

I...

And I thought, "Ah... he must be going to meet Akari."

Then I heard from your mother that you were going to go hike up this mountain.

That's how I seemed...

So...

And I'm here for it as fast as I could...

But... then I saw that huge observatory tower out near the observatory.

And I thought it'd do it... too. But it's been forever since he's been here and I got completely turned around.

And then it got dark.

...I ran here...

She saw that light...

See...

...to...

You said you were losing your memories of me... Do you remember now?

Huh...?

Coming here, too... Did it all come back to you?

Daichi-kun.

A paper
airplane?

...this?

OF...

her...?

...me...

Let go...

All this
time...

I'm
really an
idiot.

I'm...

what...

I've been
giving her
"gifts" she'd
never want
to receive...

Such
an idiot
that I never
realized...

"What
I could
do for
her..."

I...
see...

....

The first starry night of the year!!!

Waaah! Look, Daichi! Dovoto! Abrieo! Red Star Venus!!

Geez. If you really love me, then start taking an interest in the sky!

Hey! See that!?! That was a real shooting star!!

My favorite star in the sky!

Y'know, Venus is...

Won't ever reach you...

...Even though my hand...

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Okan-sama,

For this braille I don't really look like a weirdo to do anything in the first place!!

Fewf. Now, I've paid for that guy braille.

...Was this the right decision to make?

The paper airplane you received earlier has been released. Your balance has again reached zero.

But really, Dokoti... Since we were little, you've gone left and I've gone right.

I didn't need to worry at all! Miragi would have just slipped in and sent her straight!

All this time... We've been off the mark...

Our personalities, our interests are totally different...

I'll
always...

In the whole
galaxy, we're
probably...

Always pray...
that you'll be
happy...

But
then...

Why
do I love
you so
much...?

The two
biggest fools
around.

Goodbye...

Hey...

I was wondering what kind of idiot would sleep in a place like this, but...

...Hey now! Hey now!!

Fweh?

But isn't that Daichi?!

That's beside the point! What would you have done if you'd gotten sick?!

B-Sorry for barging into your observatory like this, Uncle Kouichi.

B-But we were sooo tired after climbing the mountain. And there's no cell service out here either.

Well, I'm the proprietor of this observatory here.

Is that right?

She joined the same company I did back in Tokyo.

Ah, yes.

How about you, missy? You're from 'round here, too?

Oho? No need to introduce myself? Bwa-hahahah!!

Ah, of course I know who you are! You're kinda world-famous locally as one of Japan's leading amateur astronomers.

Hey! Thanks for being so kind!

But take it easy, you two, I'll just get some work done.

The two of us had come to visit after our sister we knew little.

I call him Uncle Kaneshi, but he's really Akari's uncle. If you use all the pressure as the ones who chose the path she did.

To a certain crowd, this person is famous worldwide as an astronomer.

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Why? Something you wanted to see?

Yep. This thing takes 'em auto-matically now.

Yeah... Mind if I look?

...Hey well...

Is that a picture from last night...?

Ah... Then the shooting star hadn't fallen yet...

So this picture's from... 7.24.

But really... What a strange night that was...

Sigh...

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Oh yeah.

Let's take a look at that one.

Venus.

But what on earth was so great about it?

Just 'cause it's so bright!

Y'know, Venus is my favorite star in the sky!

Hm...!?

Venus... looks like it has a bump on it.

What?

...Uncle.

There's nothing on that one. But look at this here. Maybe something's wrong with the sensor?

Hmm? Let me look.

Huh?

I thought I might have magnified it too much. So I opened up a photo from the previous night in this window.

Okay.

EHP

Dokkh...

Over the next three days, it got much brighter.

Then,

And not long after, he verified...

So much so that it began to outshine even Venus.

That what I had spotted on was indeed a supernova.

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The supernova could be seen with the naked eye.

Astronomers around the world were astonished.

Many members of the public and the press believe that this supernova deserves its own name.

But there are exceptions, like Kepler's Supernova.

Supernovas are almost always referred to by their catalogue index number.

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If you would allow me...

...Everyone,

Might you name it "D'aloth's Nova" after yourself, for instance?

Do you have any thoughts?

After... the "Super Cute Astronomy Girl" so many people adored who lost her life five years ago.

I would like to name the supernova I discovered...

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I would like to dedicate this supernova to my childhood friend, Hokazono Akari.

I would like to name it "Akari"!

Ohhhhhh!

This...

Hey, that up there's called Akari!

"Yozora" continued to shine for three years.

Akari

A kisono Japanese etoro nanae? (Hey did it the opening of this song?)

Oh! 「Akari!」

美しい名前!

So bright it could be seen even in the sky.

Knew her story, spoke her name.

아카리

アカリ

Akari

And people all over the world...

On the other hand.

Oh Saki Daichi-sama, would you ever get so territoire?!

I found I didn't need to talk about her anymore.

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Oh, I know! Will you use your discovery to become a famous astronomer?

After quitting your company, what do you intend to do next?

My back's bent already. Searching the ground with me better.

Nok

I'm not sure if I'll even be able to feed myself.

But not so I can watch where scenes one is going.

But I want to be a real geologist.

So I can walk on my own two legs!

Ele where...

Up in Toyako...

Hey, Asari-chan.

As long as you're got this mountain of money lyin' around...

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Akari-sama, 597,000,000.0 G has been credited to your account, Harvey!
☆☆☆

HOW ABOUT HELPIN' ME OUT A BIT OVER HERE?!

No waaaaay! Weren't you the one who said he needed to draw the line somewhere?

"I'll win you over by becoming even richer than you are!"

Maybe try saying that?

As if!

EH?

You really are a loser, huh?

But first of all help me out of a pit...

Who summoned? Where all help me of yours?

Y-...

I'll repay it, I promise!

...Hihi...

Geez...

Really... Daichi and me...

I told Kim I didn't need any more money...

Daichi's such a dunce.

View of "West" from Nagano

How could he think this is boring?

I mean, it's so cool! We really don't match at all...

Daichi got this book 'specially from Uncle Kouichi.

Hakazono Akari

Also... "Lucifer" is "Kinsei."

Let's see... "Venus."

So the three who were followed the star to Bethlehem, eh?

What's this? There's a story about Jesus in here...

"Taihaku," "Hesperus," "Phosphorus."

But it sure actually Venus, huh?

I never even wondered if this were a foe a star or a comet.

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And in Japanese, "あけり..."

sh   ut

...squeak

N-O...

A-K-A-
R-I...

squeak

"Akari?"

D-A-I-
C-H-I...

"Akari?"

外での 明里

四×

And if I
put that
there...

"Daichi?"

Hahaha!

明星

Akari + Daichi = Venus

T/N: VENUS IS RENDERED WITH THE CHARACTERS 明星 (THE MORNING STAR). WHAT AGARI DOES IS TAKE THE 明 — OF DAICHI'S NAME AND THE FIRST TO WHICH, LAST NAME RENDERED IN KATAKANA, DIGOUT 明星 TO THE 星 AT HER NAME TO CREATE 明星. "AKARI" + "DAICHI" = "VENUS!"

...Love Venus!

L...

Your account will soon total one trillion G.

Akari-sama,

Mag no Okurimono (END)

I was eager to read this in serialization, especially when I learned it was both a fantasy story and a love story.

As I read, I laughed, cried... and fell apart. But all the way through to the unexpected ending, I knew without a doubt I was living in "Yoshizuki World." While I was with Yoshizuki-sensei, he showed me a photo of the starry sky he kept on his phone.

Seeing him speaking about the stars so enthusiastically left a deep impact on me.

And it is out of that facet of his character that I believe Magi no Okurimono was born.

At the story finale, Akari says: "I could laugh at how we've never, ever fit..."

But Akari and the reader both know differently.

We know that the reason they're "never, ever fit" is because their feelings for each other are so incredibly strong.

Ah, what a depressing thought...

... Well, I've written quite a bit, but the thing that hit me strongest was this: How is it that the girls in Yoshizuki-sensei's works are always so captivating?

Whether smiling and bright, sad, crying, or so on, they never fail to captivate.

By the time I had reached even page 14, every page was tugging on my heart. Yet again, I had been completely enthralled in "Yoshizuki World."

I eagerly await Yoshizuki-sensei's next work.

Yokoyama Tomohiro — scriptwriter and mangaka

Does love end with death?

Since ancient times, the human race has wrestled with this theme.

It has played an important motif in many, many stories.

All humans will die.

When our loved ones pass before us, we grieve for them and pledge to continue loving them with all our hearts.

Yet humans are naturally forgetful creatures.

As time passes, our memories will naturally fade away.

Thus we turn to Magi no Okurimono.

Shiki Daichi has promised never to forget his loved one.

Meanwhile, Hokazono Akari only wants Daichi to forget — out her and walk his own path.

Unable to touch, unable to meet, this is the bittersweet story of two whose emotions cannot meet.

Magi no Okurimono is based on O. Henry's story "The Gift of the Magi."

The two characters present each other gifts while heading in opposite directions.

It's a masterpiece everyone knows. (And further explanation is unnecessary since it was featured in this work.)

Given Yoshizuki-sensei's venerable reputation,